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Incident #99

ATC NO.

DATE 3 Jan 48

AF NO.

LOCATION Helsinki, Finland

ORIGIN NO.

POSITION Military Attaché

DATE OF REPORT

DATE IN M. A. T. C.

TYPE OF INCIDENT N/s

COLOR Shining

SHAPE N/s

SPD N/s

DIR. West to East

ALTITUDE N/s

NO. OF CUPS 1

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 30 sec

TIME

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

SKETCHES

HAIRINGS

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Information given here is insufficient to establish even
a vague identification.

The object seen could have been a fireball, although the length of time of observation seems unduly long. Perhaps this is subject to considerable error?

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 3 Jan 1948

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2. Time N/S

3. Location Military Attaché, Helsinki, Finland (official source of information)

4. Name of observer [REDACTED], 10th Jan 48. Finland
[REDACTED] Helsinki Finland [REDACTED]

5. Occupation of observer N/S

6. Address of observer Helsinki, Finland

7. Place of observation Vaasa, Finland

8. Number of objects One (1)

9. Distance of object from observer N/S

10. Time in sight 30 seconds

11. Altitude N/S

12. Speed N/S

13. Direction of flight west to east

14. Tactics N/S

15. Sound N/S

16. Size N/S

17. Color Shining

18. Shape N/S

19. Odor detected N/S

20. Apparent construction N/S

21. Exhaust trails Long tail

22. Weather conditions N/S

23. Effect on clouds N/S

24. Sketches or photographs None

25. Manner of disappearance N/S

26. Remarks: Helsinki press 10th January reported observation of light phenomena vicinity Vaasa 3rd January brightly shining object with long tail moved west to east visible for 30 seconds.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

12 FEB 1948

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SUBJECT: Observation of Light Phenomena

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

The attached copy of cable received from the Military Attache,
Helsinki, Finland is forwarded for your information.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Douglas W. Eiseleman

DOUGLASS W. EISELEMAN
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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From: USMILATTACHE AMLEGATION Helsinki Finland sgd Burrill
(AIRGRAM)

To: Dir of Intelligence GSUSA Washington 25 DC

Nr: AGC 2

13 January 1948

Jan 99
Helsinki press 10th January reports observation of
light phenomena vicinity Vaasa 3rd January brightly shining
object with long tail moved west to east visible for 30 sec-
onds. Another shining object seen Pietarsaari 5th January
observed 10 seconds from north to south. Eyewitnesses state
flames were objected and grey streaks left in sky.

Comment:

Finnish press now using term flying saucers reference light
phenomena. Last report was 20th December in Utsjoki Northern
Finland near Norwegian border.

Evaluation press reports impossible however press claims
many witnesses. May be revival another series of alleged flying
phenomena. See WEEKA 96.

End

NOTE: 96 is CM IN 826 (7 Jan) ID

ACTION: ID

INFO: AF, PO

CM IN 3299

(20 Jan 48)

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140, 147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216, 219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100, 112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192, 199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:

#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115, 126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163, 169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198, 200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:

#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107, 108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):

#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:

#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118, 125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213, 229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:

#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 172, 176, 183, 185, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 254.